

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Upstairs Middle Room, 200 Co Rd 421, Stephenville, TX 76401.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 6:30 PM by Board President Cody Pike. The board members in attendance were Betty Peterson, Brett Thetford, Cindy Shipman, AJ Squyres, and Cody Pike. Neil Culpepper joined via Zoom.

The administrative staff in attendance was Superintendent Wes Corzine. Business Manager Yvette Thomason was also in attendance.

2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Mr. Corzine.

3. Pledges of Allegiance - United States and Texas

4. Student Highlight - State Qualifiers

Coaches Wienecke and Fain shared that HISD had three athletes who qualified for state meets; two female athletes in cross country and one male athlete in the 400-meter dash. The state meet for track will be May 16th in Austin. Coach McCarty shared that the varsity boys' basketball made it to the final four and were 36 and 3 overall for the year. Additionally, Coach Fulfer said six female golfers qualified for the state tournament that was held in early May.

Ag teachers Handgis and Ludwig spoke about the eight students that qualified for state competitions; four in Livestock Judging and four in Horse Judging.

Mrs. Bills told the board that six students qualified for state Academic UIL. The meet will be May 18th through 20th in Austin.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Consent Agenda

Description:

Review of Check Register

Review of Comparison to Revenue

Review of Detail Transactions - Utilities

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Betty Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

AJ Squyres seconded the motion.

All members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

7. Superintendent Report

A. 2026-2027 Budget Timeline

The 2026-2027 Certified Property Value Estimates were presented as follows:

- Erath County- \$380,000,000
- Eastland County- \$4,772,963
- Total estimates: \$384,772,963

B. 2025-2026 Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be sold for \$50 each and can be ordered through school or online. They can be shipped to a student's home or delivered to school.

C. 2026-2027 School Supplies

HISD will no longer purchase school supplies for grades prekindergarten through fifth grade. School supply lists will be sent home as soon as they are finalized.

D. Construction Update

Construction on the renovation of the old ag shop into four new classrooms for the junior high has a targeted completion date of August 1st. Wall studs are in place and spray foam insulation which is being donated by Cody Pike will be sprayed on May 8th.

E. TASB Summer Leadership Institute - Fort Worth

TASB's Summer Leadership Institute will be June 18th through 20th in Fort Worth. Board members Cody Pike, AJ Squyres, Betty Peterson, Brett Thetford, and Neil Culpeper are planning to attend. In addition, Mr. Corzine will also attend.

F. June Board Meeting - June 25, 2026

Due to the summer leadership conference, the June board meeting will be moved forward to June 25th.

8. Principal Report

A. Attendance/Enrollment

Enrollment at the time of the meeting was 339 students.

B. End of Year Activities

May has many activities planned including field day, multiple field trips, FFA and sports banquets, state meets, and awards presentations. Prom will be on May 9th, and Baccalaureate on May 17th at 6:00 PM at the Church of Christ. Kindergarten graduation and the last day of school are on May 21st, and a teacher work day will be on May 22nd, followed by graduation at 6:00 PM at HISD.

9. Senate Bill 546 - Report on School Buses

Senate Bill 546 requires that all public-school buses be fitted with 3-point seat belts by 2029. HISD has five buses, of which none have the required seat belts. A quote received from Buck's Wheels in Fort Worth estimated it would cost \$182,564 to retro fit the buses.

10. Action Item(s)

A. Consider Approval of Update to CFB (Local) - Accounting Inventories

Betty Peterson made a motion to update CFB (Local)- Accounting Inventories to increase the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

AJ Squyres seconded the motion.

All members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the update to CFB (Local).

B. Consider Approval of Reassigning Committed Fund Balance 3530 Capital Expenditures for Equipment to 3510 Construction for the Purpose of Renovation of Old Ag Building into classrooms.

Brett Thetford made a motion to reassign the committed fund balance in capital expenditures for equipment to the committed fund balance for construction. The purpose of construction fund balance is for the renovation the old ag building into classrooms.

Cindy Shipman seconded the motion.

All members in attendance voted unanimously to approve reassigning the fund balance for renovations of the old ag building into classrooms.

C. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments as Presented

Brett Thetford made a motion to approve the budget amendments for function 13 and expenses related to the renovations.

Betty Peterson seconded the motion.

All members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the budget amendments as presented.

D. Consider Approval of Resolution Recognizing 4-H as Extracurricular Activity

Betty Peterson made a motion to approve the resolution recognizing 4-H as an extracurricular activity.

Cindy Shipman seconded the motion.

All members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

11. Recess to Closed Session was at 7:30 PM. Closed session convened at 7:32 PM and adjourned at 8:11 PM. Open session reconvened at 8:11 PM.

Description:

For the purpose of consideration of matters for which closed or executive sessions are authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code §(.071-084), whereupon the Superintendent, at the request of the President of the Board of Education, will present for the Board's discussion the following matters:

- 12. A. 13. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to consult with the District's attorney, in person or by phone.
- 15. B. 16. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 18. C. 19. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee including the consideration by the board of the Superintendent's evaluation and contract.
- 21. D. 22. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076, to deliberate continued evaluation and implementation of security plans, of security personnel or devices and/or conducting security audits.

A. Discussion of Candidate for PK-12 Principal

B. Discuss Intruder Detection Audit Findings

12. Action Item(s) from Closed Session

A. Consider Approval of PK-12 Principal Professional Contract

Cindy Shipman made a motion to approve the PK-12 Principal professional contract.

AJ Squyres seconded the motion.

All members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the principal contract.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See TASB Policy BEC(LEGAL)]